

REPUBLICAN PARTY DEAD AND FUNERAL NOW UNDERWAY

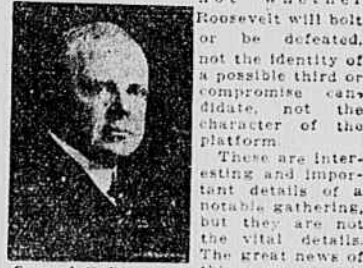
That Is the Really Great News Which Stands Out in Chicago Convention.

THIS GATHERING LAST OF ITS KIND COUNTRY WILL SEE

Name "Republican" May Live, but Party It Has Typed Since 1856 Is Gone—To-Day It Stands Divided, and Had Primaries Been Held in All States Power of Old-Order Politicians Would Have Been Pitifully Small—Old Politics Gone, and Old Politicians Displaced by New Ideas and New Systems.

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Chicago, Ill., June 19.—The great news of this convention is not whether Roosevelt or Taft shall be nominated, not whether



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Roosevelt will bolt or be defeated, not the identity of a possible third or compromise candidate, not the character of the platform. These are interesting and important details of a notable gathering, but they are not the vital details. The great news of this convention is this: This convention now in progress in Chicago marks the passing of Republican national conventions of a similar character. There never will be another convention like this. It is quite possible there never will be another Republican national convention of any kind; that this is the last, but whether or not, there will never be another like this one or resembling in any regard the conventions of previous years, running away back to 1860.

More-over, and this is even more important—this convention has a date to the death of the Republican party as it is at present constituted, and as it has been constituted for many years. The name "Republican" may live, but the Republican party that name has typified since 1856 is dead. The funeral services are being conducted in Chicago at the present.

Take these two propositions in order, beginning with the passing of the present style of convention. There never will be another Republican national convention like this one or like the ones of four or eight years ago or those of sixteen or twenty years ago for the reason that the political system that made conventions easily possible in the past and barely possible now has changed. The old politics is gone. The old politicians have been shifted out of power. A new generation is almost in command, a new idea prevails, a new system is in process of development. The Republican party is no longer a cohesive, fighting, definite organization. It is really two parties—a standard or conservative party and a radical or progressive party. There isn't the slightest doubt if there had been primaries in all the States instead of in a few of them, the old crowd would have a pitifully small representation here no matter whether Mr. Roosevelt was a candidate or not. So far as that eminent candidate is concerned, he grabbed progressivism; progressivism didn't grab him. The Republican party has outgrown its old system and its old leaders, and the people demand a new method of selecting their candidates. They demand the right to have a hand in the selection instead of being told of those selections after they are made.

Old Methods Outgrown. If a census made it would be found that the radical element in the Republican party is not so much greater than the conservative element as has been claimed. There are many conservative Republicans, but even the conservatives are fully alive to the deficiencies of the present system, and many of them are anxious for readjustment as the progressives. The fact of it all is that the Republicans, conservatives and progressives, have advanced beyond the method of twenty years ago, and neither wing is wholly in sympathy with the present methods.

It is quite probable that before it comes time to nominate another candidate for the presidency enough more States will have adopted the preferential primary system to make whatever convention shall be held merely a sort of a gathering, about the same as the electoral college, but even if that does not come for eight years say, there never will be another Republican National Committee that can make up a temporary roll and where a prearranged credentials committee can have the last word on the con-

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FACING CERTAIN DEFEAT, ROOSEVELT PLANS BOLT, AND WHEN FINAL BREAK COMES HE WILL BE RUSHED TO COLISEUM TO TAKE CHARGE OF HIS CONVENTION



ALBERT B. CUMMINS.

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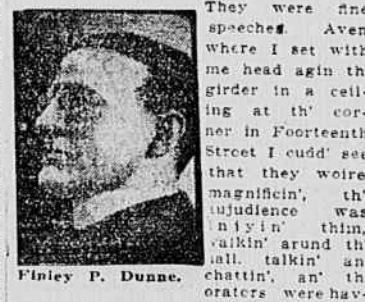
COPPERS GROW DISCONTINUED

May Fight Amooing Thimselves to Pass th' Time Away—Papers Said th' Air Was Full iv Fight, but Ought to've Said th' Fight Was Full iv Air.

BY FINLEY PETER DUNNE.
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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Chicago, Ill., June 19.—"Did ye have a good seat in the convention?" asked Mr. Hennessy.

"I had wan of the best," said Mr. Dooley. "I cudden't hear a wurrd."



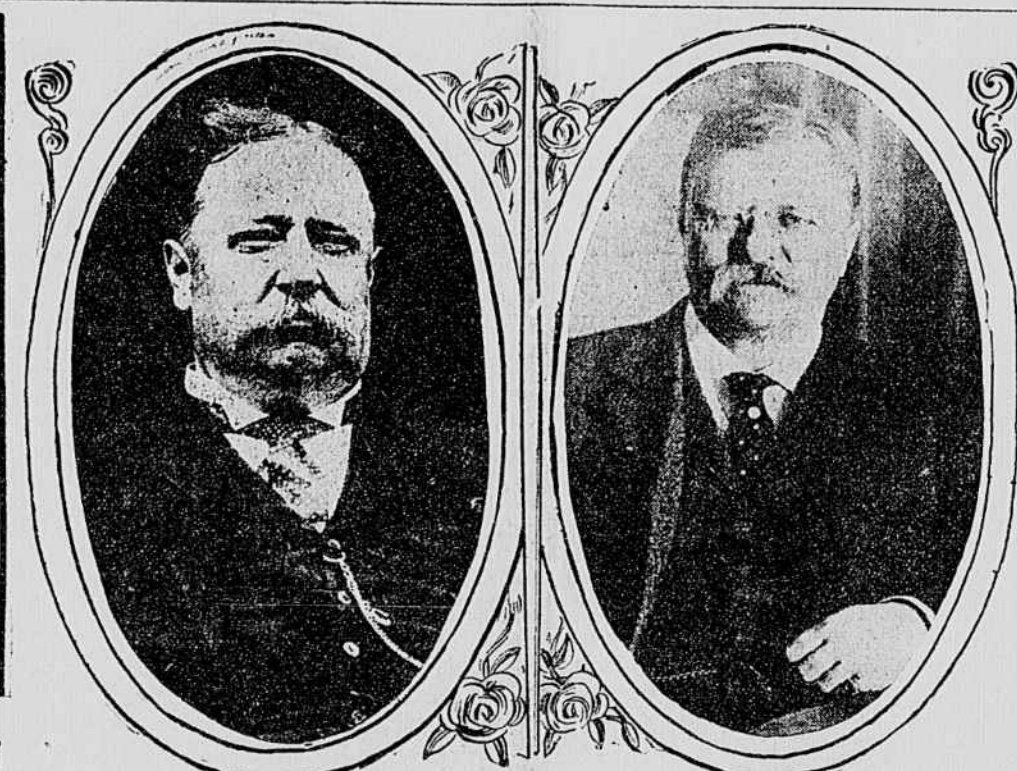
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They were fine speeches. Aven where I set with me head agin th' girder in a ceiling at th' corner in Fourteenth Street I cudden't see that they were magnificent," th' audience was nix'in thim, talkin' around th' hall, talkin' an' chatin', an' th' orators were havin' in th' time iv their lives. No man in a corner performance as much as th' fellow that's bowin' th' bugle, exclaimin' some was lik mead th' can't hear him. Every orator was given thirty minyits to state his case. After th' talkin' fifty-five minyits another orator sint a feller to tap him on th' arm an' say: "It's Bill! turn now, an' th' Democrats will be sayin' 'From ninety million people comes th' cry to us' ends his solo be sayin' 'I'm sorry Misher Chairman, I didn't know me time was up, an' goes back to where his wife is sittin', an' acts her how it went. She says magnificent. She cudden't hear it."

"There's wan grand thing about th' convention. I'm proud iv th' polis force iv Chicago. An' I'll say this, that I niver see a finer turnout iv th' constabry in me life. I didn't think they was so many coppers in th' wurrd."

"Twas a pleasure to see thim lined up in th' hallways with their coats opened, their gatin' guns in th' outside pockets an' their clubs in their hands ready to spring into th' debate on th' foynalimintal principal iv th' Republican party at a wurrd from th' presidin' officer—th' assistant chief iv polis. I've been to many national conventions, d-y-e mind, but I've niver see a more compitit chairman iv a Republican convention thim Herman Schuetler."

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W. H. TAFT.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

BOLT COMMITTEE MEETING ON ORDER OF COL. ROOSEVELT

Followers of Third-Termer Dash From Room After Attempting to Break Down Doors and Bring All Newspaper Men In to Hear What Committee on Credentials Is "Trying to Do to Us."

Chicago, Ill., June 20.—"So far as I am concerned," declared Colonel Roosevelt to his delegates and advisers in an address this morning, "I am through. If you are voted down, I hope you, the real and lawful majority of the convention, will organize as such, and you will do it if you have the courage and loyalty of your convictions."

Chicago, Ill., June 19.—After bolting once from the credentials committee, under the orders of Colonel Roosevelt, and being called back by Roosevelt managers to the committee room, all of the Roosevelt members of the credentials committee except R. R. McCormick, of Chicago, left again at 11:45 o'clock to-night, declaring they were "out for good."

The cause of the bolt was the refusal of the committee to give a full hearing on all contest cases. After the Roosevelt men had left, the committee took up the cases, but had not proceeded far when a motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning was proposed and carried. Senator Dixon, the Roosevelt campaign manager, who had been hurriedly summoned after the first ballot, left with the Roosevelt men.

"These men are tired and will go home and go to bed," he said. "I think the other fellows are wasting time to stay here to-night."

Henry and Halbert Lead Bolters.

Francis J. Henry and Hugh T. Halbert, of Minnesota, who had led the bolt, were the only ones who would talk at length on the situation. "Is this a bolt?" Mr. Henry was asked. "You can call it what you want to," he said. "These are the facts: Every Roosevelt man with the exception of McCormick has walked out because he was convinced from the rules which were proposed that there was no intention of giving a valid hearing. The cases that were heard before the national committee were a farce, and this is a worse one. The line-up was perfectly plain—32 to 19."

Mr. Halbert declared the break came because the committee limited time and excluded evidence.

"We claimed and insisted that the credentials committee should hear all evidence as a court of original jurisdiction, and that the national convention, not the credentials committee, should be the court of last resort."

Before adjourning the committee adopted the amended rules by a vote of 36 to 4. Chairman Divine said the adjournment was taken because most of the contesting delegates had left the Coliseum.

Mr. Roosevelt addressed the bolting delegates in a room at the Congress Hotel, where they had assembled after leaving the committee room. "I am going to ask you to take a recess until I can get certain facts and lay them before you," Colonel Roosevelt said. "I earnestly counsel you not to discuss what you intend to do until you have the facts before you."

Colonel Tells What He Will Do. "I can tell you the general outline of what I shall do. So far as I am concerned, I shall never recognize a Republican convention a majority of which in large part is composed of fraudulently seated delegates from the States of which Governor Hadley spoke to-day. This is not a convention of the Republican party. A convention of the Republican party is a convention that the majority of which is elected by the people and not appointed by a moribund national committee."

"I am for a convention in which sit the men elected by the States of Washington and Arizona, and not the men appointed from Washington and Arizona by the defunct bosses of other States. I hold that this is no case of a factional fight. The time has come now when we must assert absolutely the right of the people to run the national convention, to have their own representatives put in the convention. I see that it was held to-day that of these contested delegates all were to vote on one another's cases on the ground of precedent. The argument in favor of that precedent is of the type of the argument made by a clever corporation lawyer when advising a corporation how to keep within a law and yet do what the law intended to forbid. This kind of bad faith vitiates any proposition. Fraud destroys any contract."

Edward C. Carrington, of Maryland, a member of the credentials committee, described the proceedings preceding the walk-out.

Would Not Disgrace His State.

"The Taft manager of the committee sought at the outset to apply the gag rule," he said, "and I refused to disgrace the State of Maryland by sitting longer with the committee."

The proposed adoption of a rule limiting argument of contested election cases before the credentials committee to five minutes for district cases and ten minutes for State cases precipitated the bolt. After the return of the Roosevelt members an amendment was introduced making the limit of time on State cases thirty minutes for each side and for district cases fifteen minutes. After adjournment Chairman Divine declared the committee would take up the contests to-morrow morning and finish them as rapidly as possible in their regular order.

The Roosevelt members of the credentials committee, acting under the spe-

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LONG EXPECTED CRASH HAS COME

Roosevelt Will Go No Further in His Futile Fight.

CERTAIN TO LEAD INDEPENDENTS

All Contests Withdrawn From Committee on Credentials, as Forerunner of More Drastic Action to Come in Convention To-Day or Friday. Taft People Exultant.

Chicago, June 19.—The long-expected crash in the Republican ranks came to-night. The Roosevelt forces, acting, they said, under the personal direction of the Colonel himself, began to lay their plans for independent action in the National Republican Convention. As a forerunner of the more drastic action expected in the convention to-morrow or Friday, the Roosevelt members of the committee on credentials withdrew from that body to-night—withdraw in person and, in effect, withdrew all of the Roosevelt contests, which had been sealed down from 82 to 78.

Colonel Roosevelt to-night was in the midst of a series of exciting conferences, and was busy figuring on the loyal delegates whom he could expect to carry with him out of the convention, or rather into a separate convention on the Coliseum floor, in case the decision is reached.

People who talked with the Colonel to-night declared there was no longer any doubt as to his attitude. Convinced that the credentials committee was against him and would retain the contested Taft delegates in their seats, Colonel Roosevelt decided to go no further with his futile fight in the regular convention.

His Position Clear. The Colonel would not issue a formal statement as to his warlike intentions early in the evening, but was said to have made his position clear to his followers.

Some of the conferences at his headquarters were exciting.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, it was reported, declared as he left the Roosevelt rooms that he would not bolt.

The Missouri delegation in the convention held a caucus to-night for the purpose, it was reported, of formally launching a boom for Governor Hadley for President. The remarkable demonstration given the Missouri ex-

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ROBERT LA FOLLETTE.

Declares Intention of Placing Double Set of Candidates in Every State of Union.

NO LONGER ANY DOUBT AS TO HIS ULTIMATE ACTION

Word "Bolt" Is Avoided, but When Contested Delegates Are Seated, Colonel's Followers Propose to Withdraw From Convention and Hold One of Their Own in Same Room. Authorities Prepare for Trouble, and Declare No Such Proceedings Will Be Permitted, Even if Police Are Needed to Stop Disturbers.

Chicago, June 19.—Talk of a definite rupture in the Republican National Convention was insisted to-night in the Roosevelt camp. Reports of this nature were repeated with such frequency as to lend color to the belief of many that they were well grounded. The use of the term "bolt," however, was avoided carefully by supporters of the ex-President, whose contention is that, should there be a final break, they, and not their opponents, will constitute the genuine Republican convention.

According to these unofficial statements the Roosevelt program will be this: Should the credentials committee uphold the temporary roll adopted by the national committee, and the convention in turn accept the report of the credentials committee, thereby finally seating the delegates whom Colonel Roosevelt asserts to have been fraudulently placed on the temporary roll, those of the ex-President's adherents who are willing to stand with him through thick and thin, will withdraw from the convention on the instant. The plan as talked of does not contemplate withdrawal of the Roosevelt delegates from the Coliseum, but the holding of a double-headed convention in the same hall. As soon as word of the final break is flashed to Colonel Roosevelt over his private wire, it is said, he will be whirled by automobile to the convention hall to lead the fight in person. It was regarded as probable that the Colonel would not go to the convention except under such circumstances. Colonel Roosevelt was said to-day to have procured enough tickets to the Coliseum to admit him and the members of his immediate party. These tickets, however, would admit him merely as a spectator.

Authorities Prepared to Checkmate Plan.

Reports of this plan reached the ears of the authorities in charge of the convention, who said to-night that under no circumstances would they permit the holding of two conventions simultaneously in the Coliseum. The building, they said, was in control of the organization selected by the convention, which would preserve order, even to the point of calling upon the police to eject delegates, alternates or spectators who declined to recognize the authority of the chair.

It was explained that the rupture would come, if at all, after the vote on seating the contested delegates rather than on the vote for presidential nominees, because the Roosevelt faction, by awaiting the final vote, would be placed in the position of having acted in conjunction with delegates who, they contend, were chosen fraudulently, and of having broken away because they were beaten. Colonel Roosevelt has said all along, it was pointed out, that he was making his fight for a principle, and not for any man, even himself, and that he had stated in his speech of Monday night that he would not accept under any circumstances a vote to seat delegates whose seats are disputed, even in his own favor.

In an interview with Governor Deane, Colonel Roosevelt told the Governor in the presence of William Allen White, of Kansas, that should the convention seat these delegates in question he would withdraw from any connection with the convention, and that two Republican candidates for President would be nominated, with two Republican candidates for Governor in every State in the Union, with two Republican candidates for Congress in each district and two Republican candidates for every other office.

Certain to Walk Out of Convention. "Make no mistake," he told the Governor, "if these fraudulent delegates are seated we shall walk out of the convention, but not out of the hall."

Will Go Down With Colors Flying.

Colonel Roosevelt's view of his position is known to be that, should he head an independent ticket, he might have a fighting chance to win, at the same time realizing that he is inviting personal disaster. He believes, however, that it would be a fight worth making, and that it would be better for him to go down to defeat with colors flying than to submit to being overruled by the aid of votes which he said would be fraudulent.

The former President is said to be of the opinion that he could take with him the support of a majority of Republicans outside of the extreme Eastern States and increase his strength by substantial accessions from the Democratic party.

Some of the Roosevelt delegates were said to be already tugging at the leash. The California and Pennsylvania delegates, according to the reports in the Roosevelt camp, were in favor of a break yesterday when Colonel Roosevelt met with his first reverse. It was deemed wiser, however, to await the convention's final ruling on contested delegates before taking decisive action. While it was said that Roosevelt supporters might not break away in case some of the less conspicuous groups of contested delegates were seated, a final vote in favor of the contested delegates against which Colonel

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